

## **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is provided to cancel one claim and correct an error in the specification. Claim 9 has been cancelled without intending to abandon or to dedicate to the public any patentable subject matter. Six tables and one paragraph of the specification have been replaced with corrected tables and text showing the change in free energy in the conventional notation in which the gain in free energy is given a negative value.

Based at least upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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